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Illegal Alien Sentenced on Federal Fraud Charge

Bangor, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced that **Efren Rabadan Medina**, 36, an alien from Honduras, was sentenced on October 3, 2007, in U.S. District Court in Bangor, to 138 days of imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release. Medina pleaded guilty on July 31, 2007, to Fraud and Misuse of Visas, Permits and Other Documents.

Court records reveal that on May 3, 2007, the Penobscot Regional Communications Center received a call from a citizen that he had observed a vehicle driving erratically and headed toward Exeter, Maine. Medina was driving that vehicle and, when stopped by a Penobscot County Sheriff's Deputy, admitted he was in the country illegally. Medina failed sobriety tests and was arrested for OUI, operating without a license and failing to give a correct name, address and date of birth. During a search incident to arrest, police recovered a Resident Alien Card which bore a photograph of Medina, but indicated a different name and date of birth. Medina had bought the Alien Card and a Social Security card in California for \$100.00.

United States Attorney Silsby praised the investigation conducted by Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Penobscot County Sheriff's Office.